



# Goodwin's Weekly

## EDITORIALS

WE wonder if the leading daily papers of the state, irrespective of their politics have a full realization of what the passing of the proposed amendment regarding mining taxation would mean. There has been some news and comment in reference

to the vicious measure and the editorial expressions in the main have been against it. It would seem, however, considering the vast importance attaching to its defeat that every issue of every thinking paper would be ablaze with protest against the amendment, proposed at the end of a session of an asinine legislature and tricked through in all its viciousness and perfidy when no one was looking.

The Tribune and Herald of this city have had the most to say on the subject and while the Herald has been the stronger in its protests, both of these papers and others we might mention have been afraid to call a spade a spade or a liar a liar and it is regrettable to note that with the state's chief industry in jeopardy the pay streak of gutts in those who should be mostly interested seem to be pinching.

We are wondering which means the most to Tom Kearns, his newspaper or his mines. Of course the Tribune is against the amendment but it is not strong enough in its protests and now that Mr. Kearns has the opportunity of dictating its policy while Ambrose McKay is taking subscriptions on the Flanders front it is up to him to strike from the shoulder.

Of course the Tribune has been the house organ of Simon the First for a long time, and it might be a little embarrassing considering the attitude of Simon on the mining amendment and the attitude of the Tribune on Simon, to say anything of which his imperial majesty might disapprove. But there was a time when the Tribune said anything it believed to be right without fear or favor and the foundation laid then is what makes it the asset it is today.

Of course it is understood that the Tribune must be very careful to give no offense to anyone high in Democratic circles, but there are so many influential gentlemen assisting in guiding its policy who are big enough to realize what a disaster it would be for this mining amendment to pass that they ought to get together and decide on a campaign that will not only educate the voters of the state regarding the possible calamity that would come with the passing of the amendment, but be bigger than that and tear into the ring of slimy politicians who propose to see that the holdup is legalized.

Surely somewhere between the postoffice, the National Copper Bank and the capitol men of enough brains and strength of character should be found to agree on an editorial policy that will be a real influence for strength and good and save the Democratic party in the state from utter disgrace.

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### STATE EDUCATORS IN THE MIRE.

THE convention of the Utah association of school boards found Francis W. Kirkham, Dr. E. G. Gowans and several other lesser lights in the educational department of Simon Bamberger's sweet smelling political household right on the job to see that the association adopt the resolution in favor of the proposed constitutional amendment relative to the taxation of mines and also to attempt to get the authorization of the association to present such a resolution to the resolution committee of the Republican state convention.

They succeeded in having the resolution passed by a majority of the gullibles in the convention, but were unsuccessful in the attempt to present the resolution to the state Republican convention owing to the interference of some of the members of the convention with

American ideas who objected to seeing the association dragged into party politics.

On this ground it might as well have been reported to the state Republican convention as to pass it in a convention of school heads, for in adopting the measure they simply lent their aid to such members of the Democratic party as are using that party and whoever they can in the state to further their own vicious ends.

In this connection Francis W. Kirkham and Dr. E. G. Gowans and a circle of lick-spittles too numerous to mention are giving aid to the governor and those around him who are leaving nothing undone in their sinister effort to make this amendment regarding the taxation of mines a part of the constitution of the state; taking the right to tax out of the hands of the representatives of the people and making it a part of the work of a few sycophants who must answer that description to be appointed. At no time since statehood has anything so redolent of rotten politics been attempted, and if the people stand for it, it will be an endorsement of the imperial Simon and his administration and we think that the people generally from St. George to Cache have had enough of both. To drag the educational system of the state into the dirt of such politics as is being practiced at the capital is the most disgraceful proceeding of any spectacle witnessed in Utah since territorial days.

It is another example of the various acts that savor of Prussianism in our state administration, for instance, the necessity for handing in resignations with the date in blank when various appointees take office. Is it German, or is it American that a free-born American citizen who takes an office and intends to do his duty must hand in his resignation at the time of doing it. If this is not outrageous and against everything American, we submit the question and are open to argument.

On this occasion we might as well mention to Simon Bamberger that he is not going to be the next governor of this state or the next senator. We have a kindly feeling for him and suggest that he take heed of this statement because we know what we are talking about and all the planning and gum-shoeing and cranking of his well greased machine is not going to change matters in the least.

There was a little hand-writing on the wall at the Democratic state convention, when that committee refused to include an endorsement of his administration in the resolutions, and added to that the expressions of some of the gentlemen who attended that convention and some very high up in Democratic circles who did not, should be sufficient warning that it will be a waste of time and money for him to attempt to succeed himself or to gain higher honors at the hands of the people of Utah.

We might mention some of these names but there is plenty of time for that and after the last, sad, political rites it will be comparatively easy to see that some of the most influential men in his own party are too big to allow him to attempt to return to imperialistic power at the expense of the party.

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### THE WEIGHTY MR. BENNION.

IN a recent issue of the Deseret News Harden Bennion, secretary of State and consequently a part of the Democratic machine had a communication regarding the proposed mining tax amendment to the constitution, the wording of which and the arguments contained therein being entirely in keeping with the profundity and scholarly attainments of that gentleman.

Opening with a wail because the opponents of the mine tax amendment have been given an opportunity to express themselves regarding the blackmailing measure, Mr. Bennion states that the